IN THE WITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEM. OFFICE PATENT APPLICATION Group Art Unit 2123 Inventor(s): SUZUKI et al. Examiner: Ronald I. Kavitsky Appln. No.: 09 273.256 Atty. Dkt. 258709 P1P98223US Series Code ↑ Serial No. 个 M# Client Ref DEC: 3 1 2002 March 22, 1999 Apparatus and method for aiding Filed: Appln. Title: programming Hon. Commissioner of Patents RECEIVED Washington, D.C. 20231 JAN 0 3 2003 Sir: Date: December 31, 2002 Technology Center 2100 REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto. FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED 1. Small Entity claim For B & C NOT made Claims Highest number Present Extra Large/Small Entity Additional Fee Code See Required B. Withdrawn remaining after previously paid for Fee Separate Paper C. made herewith amendment Lg/Sm (Pat-256) D. made previously 2. Total Effective Claims 21 \*\*minus 21 x \$18/\$9 =+ \$0 103/203 0 3 \*\*\*minus 102/202 3. Independent Claims 3 0 x \$84/\$42 =+ \$0 4. If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first + \$280/\$140 = + \$0 104/204 5. Original due Date: October 31, 2002 6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due \$110/\$55 = 115/215 (1 mo) 116/216 date to cover the date this response is filed for which the + \$400 (2 mos) \$400/\$200 = 117/217 requisite fee is attached (3 mos) \$920/\$460 = 118/218 \$1,440/\$720= (4 mos) 128/228 (5 mos) \$1.960/\$980= 7. Enter any previous extension fee paid since above original due date and subtract **Extension Fee** + \$400 9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee ...... + \$110/\$55 + \$0 148/248 126 + \$180 + \$0 126 or if Rule 97(d) Request ...... add + \$180 11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r) + \$740/370 + \$0 146/246 12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b)..... x \$740/370 ea + \$0 149/249 13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) 1179/1279 + \$740/370 + \$0 Petition fee for ..... + \$0 15. TOTAL FEE = \$400 16. \*If the entry in this space is less than entry in next space, the "Present Extra" result is "0". PLEASE CHARGE 17. \*\*If the "Highest number previously paid for" in this space is less than 20, write "20" in this space. OUR DEP. ACCT 18. \*\*\*If the "Highest number previously paid for" in this space is less than 3, write "3" in this space. 01/02/2003 CCHAU1 00000143 033975 09273256 Our Deposit Account No. 03-3975) 258709 (Our Order No. 60151 01 FC:1252 400.00 CH CHARGE STATEMENT: The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any missing or insufficient fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under Rules 16-18 (missing or insufficiencies only) now or hereafter relative to this application and the resulting Official Document under Rule 20, or credit any overpayment, to our Accounting/Order Nos. shown above, for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is Query: Is appeal deadline now? If filed. so, file Notice of Appeals separately. Pillsbury Winthrop LLP **Intellectual Property Group** P.O. Box 10500 By Atty: Glenn J. Perry Reg. No. 28458 McLean, VA 22102

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## **AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2002 please amend the aboveidentified patent application as follows:

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please change the paragraph starting on page 43, line 26 to the following:

The machining navigation apparatus 2 according to the present invention is employed to aid the composition of a machining program PRO in a machining center 1. However, the present invention may also be applied to other types of machine tools, such as a lathe, an electric discharge machine, and a laser cutting machine to aid the composition of a machining program. In such cases, the contents and values of the

